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SUBJECT: PRAYDA REPORTS ON NEW REPUBLIC'S "ARMS FOR
AFGHANISTAN" ARTICLE

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 10296, (B) KABUL 1120

1. PRAYDA HAS PICKED UP CARL BERNSTEIN'S ARTICLE
"ARMS FOR AFGHANISTAN" IN THE JULY 18 EDITION OF
THE NEW REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS EARLIER REPORTED ON BY
VOA (REFTELS). THE LONG ARTICLE IN THE AUGUST 3
PRAYDA BY S. SVISTUNOV ENTITLED "SECRET OPERATIONS
AGAINST AFGHANISTAN" CITES ALL THE "FACTS" FROM
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BERNSTEIN'S PIECE ABOUT U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE

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AFGHAN REBELS. SVISTUNOV PROVIDES LITTLE COMMENTARY OF HIS OWN OTHER THAN CONCLUDING THAT THE NEW REPUBLIC ARTICLE "OPENS UP THE CURTAIN OF SECRECY UNDER WHOSE COVER AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND ITS ALLIES COMMIT CRIMES ON AFGHAN TERRITORY."

2. FOR KABUL - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. MCCALL

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